

REMARKS

In order to promote administrative efficiency and better communication, the Examiner is invited to make suggestions at any time during the proceedings, via phone, fax or e-mail, whenever such suggestions are within the Examiner's discretion as an aid to placing the claims in order for allowance in a timely manner.

Change of Correspondence details:

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In the Drawings:

Attached please find a replacement sheet, replacing the drawing sheet comprising Fig. 2.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to clearly show the content of Fig. 2. Applicant has therefore provided a replacement Figure 2 which makes clearer the content of Fig. 2 as filed. Note that hash marks have been added to delineate the

limits of the content portion of the screen, from the interface portion. Further note that although this response is faxed, a courtesy copy of Figure 2 will be sent, so that the Examiner's comprehension of Figure 2 is not affected by poor fax quality.

Examiner's Points 4-5: Rejection under 112, Second Paragraph:

Concerning the Examiner's rejection under 112, Applicant believes that the above amendments to the claims, removing the objectionable language, overcome these rejections. The terms and sections which the Examiner identified as being indefinite for failure to distinctly claim the subject matter have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Acknowledgment of this fact is respectfully requested.

Examiner's Points 4-6: 102(b) Rejection based on Gerace:

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gerance. Applicant has amended the specification and emphasized features of Fig. 2, to more clearly show what Applicant means when he refers to "browser interface". Because Gerance lacks and teaching or suggestion of providing a banner window *on* the browser interface, it is believed that Gerance can no longer support a §102 rejection. Applicant has further amended the claim to include the adjective "persistent", which is implied from the comments of Applicant in the background, emphasizing that the prior art is often closed and therefore not visible during significant intervals of time during the user's working day (see page 2, first paragraph). Persistence is also inherent from a browser interface—only what's inside the browser interface changes (i.e., the contents and browsed data). Consequently, it is believed that the Examiner may now properly pass the application, including the added claims, on to allowance.

Applicant notes that another significant difference between Gerance and Applicant's invention is that Gerance teaches a user-centric system, while the present

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invention describes a company (or project)-oriented system. If the Examiner so requires, she is invited to suggest further limitations incorporating this further difference in the claim.

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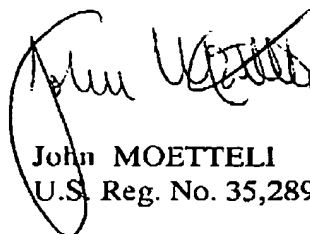
Conclusion

Applicant has made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of this application by amending claims, and by pointing out herein with particularity how the claims now presented are patentably distinct from the prior art of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered by this amendment. Any limitations to the claims are made solely for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of the application and, unless otherwise expressly stated, are not made to narrow, vis-à-vis the prior art, the scope of protection which any subsequently issuing patent might afford. Again, if the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4171 230 1000, fax at 011-4171 230 1001 (St. Gallen is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Std Time), or e-mail at moetteli@email.com.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 for a period of ONE month and the Undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of any fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required in this application to the deposit account of MOETTELI & ASSOCIES SARL, no. 50-2621.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: replacement figure 2
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